

preferred embodiments of Applicants' invention. This amendment has not been made for reasons related to patentability, and no claim has been rejected for reasons related to patentability. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims to cancelled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

A marked-up copy of the amended claim is enclosed as an Appendix.

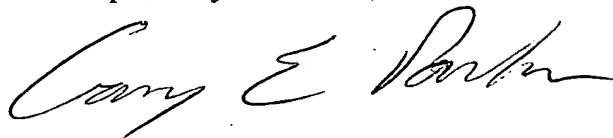
Support for the amended claim is found within the application as filed, including at pages 18-20, 53-57, and elsewhere. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group III, claims 33-36.

Election of species is believed to be obviated by the amendment to claim 33.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6673.

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Appendix
Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
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Appendix

33. (amended) An antibody that specifically binds to an epitope of a polypeptide [according to claim 3] consisting of a sequence of amino acid residues as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 from residue 235 to residue 345.